

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3751–S3838*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2976–2984, S. Res. 551–553, and S. Con. Res. 79. **Page S3790**

#### Measures Passed:

**House of Representatives Salary Schedule:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5493, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 4712, to propose a technical amendment relating to Senate pay periods. **Page S3837**

**State of Minnesota 150th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 552, recognizing the 150th anniversary of the State of Minnesota. **Page S3837**

**Charles County, Maryland 350th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 553, congratulating Charles County, Maryland, on the occasion of its 350th anniversary. **Pages S3837–38**

#### Measures Considered:

**FAA Reauthorization Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3761–77**

Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3761**

Reid Amendment No. 4628 (to Amendment No. 4627), to change the enactment date. **Page S3761**

Reid Amendment No. 4629 (to Amendment No. 4628), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3761**

Reid Amendment No. 4630 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4627), to change the enactment date. **Page S3761**

Reid Amendment No. 4631 (to Amendment No. 4630), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3761**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 4636, to change the enactment date. **Page S3761**

Reid Amendment No. 4637 (to Amendment No. 4636), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3761**

Rockefeller Amendment No. 4642 (to Amendment No. 4637), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3761**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 115), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627 (listed above). **Page S3777**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627. **Page S3777**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S3777**

**Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund. **Pages S3779–84**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 90 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 116), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3779**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, and that all time during the adjournment, recess, or period of morning business count against cloture. **Page S3838**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Convention with Iceland (Treaty Doc. No. 110–17).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Troy A. Paredes, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2013.

Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011.

Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2013.

Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Robert J. Battista, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2009, which was sent to the Senate on January 25, 2008.

David M. Mason, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S3788–89**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S3751, S3789**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—116) **Pages S3777, S3779**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3838.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including H.R. 1187, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and S. 2281, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, after receiving testimony from Senator Levin; Vice Admiral Conrad Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration; Jefferson Gray, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, Alpena, Michigan; Susan L. Williams, University of California-Davis, Bodega Bay; and Kathy Fosmark, Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries, Monterey, California.

### PERCHLORATE AND TCE IN WATER

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine perchlorate and trichloroethylene (TCE) in water, including S. 24, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a health advisory and monitoring of drinking water for perchlorate, after receiving testimony from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; George V. Alexeeff, California Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Sacramento; Michael G. Baker, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Columbus, on behalf of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators; Carol Rowan West, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Office of Research and Standards, Boston; New York State Representative Donna A. Lupardo, Albany; Gail Charnley, HealthRisk Strategies, and Richard Wiles, Environmental Working Group, both of Washington, D.C.; and David G. Hoel, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.